



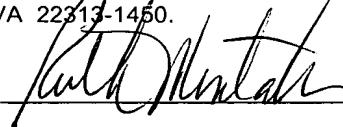
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Customer No. 026418
Docket No. JG-YY-5090 / 500569.20069 Group: 1634
Applicant(s): Yoshihiko MAKINO, et al.
Application No.: 09/887,625 Examiner: A.K. CHAKRABARTI
Filed: June 22, 2001
For: METHOD OF DETECTING NUCLEIC ACIDS

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PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION

Sir:

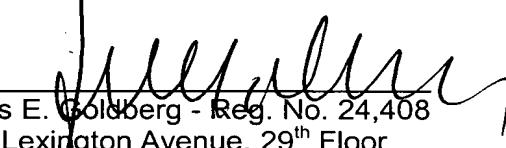
Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed July 8, 2003.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$950.00.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1529.

Respectfully submitted,

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